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Convention on Biological Diversity

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/201 of 20 December 2000 on the Convention on Biological Diversity,[1] in which it proclaimed 22 May, inter alia, the date of the adoption of the text of the Convention, as the International Day for Biological Diversity,

Recognizing the importance of the adoption by the Conference of the Parties, in its decision EM-I/3 of 29 January 2000,[2] of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the subsequent signature of the Protocol up to 2 July 2001 by one hundred parties to the Convention and the ratification made by five of these parties to the Convention,

Expressing its appreciation for the generous offer of the Government of the Netherlands to host the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, which will be held at The Hague from 8 to 26 April 2002,

Also expressing its appreciation for the kind offer of the Government of Germany to host the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, which addresses the appropriate access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of its utilization, held at Bonn from 22 to 26 October 2001,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See United Nations Environment Programme, *Convention on Biological Diversity* (Environmental Law and Institution Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

[2] See UNEP/CBD/ExCOP/1/3 and Corr.1, part two, annex.

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Urging the parties to the Convention to undertake thorough preparations to advance progress at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to decide upon the outstanding issues that are included in its agenda,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;[3]

2. *Takes note also* of the outcome of the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol, held at Nairobi from 1 to 5 October 2001;

3. *Urges* Member States that have not joined the Convention on Biological Diversity[1] to become parties to it, without further delay;

4. *Calls upon* Member States that are parties to the Convention to sign and ratify the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety[2] as soon as possible;

5. *Invites* all funding institutions and bilateral and multilateral donors, as well as regional funding institutions and non-governmental organizations, to cooperate with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the implementation of the programme of work;

6. *Requests* the conferences of the parties to the multilateral environmental conventions to take into consideration the schedule of meetings of the General Assembly and the Commission on Sustainable Development when setting the dates of meetings of the conferences of the parties so as to ensure the adequate representation of developing countries at those meetings;

7. *Calls upon* States parties to the Convention to settle urgently any arrears and to pay their contributions in full and in a timely manner so as to ensure continuity in the cash flows required to finance the ongoing work of the Conference of the Parties, the subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat;

8. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to report to the General Assembly on the ongoing work regarding the Convention;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the sub-item entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity".

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[3] See A/56/126.